of ceiling, protection of tenants/share croppers and consolidation of land holdings and restoration of alienated tribal lands etc. As a result of implementation of various lands laws, following achievements have been made since inception :

- Intermediaries abolished on 15 million acres of land and ownership rights granted to 20 million tillers.
- An area of 5.38 million acres of ceiling surplus land distributed to 5.58 million rural poor, 50% of which constitute SC/ST beneficiaries.
- An area of 14.74 million acres of Government Wastelands and 2.17 million acres of Bhoodan land also distributed among the eligible rural poor.
- 12.42 million tenants have their rights protected over an area of 15.63 million acres of land.
- 0.43 million acres of alienated land has been restored to STs.

World Bank Assistance for Rural Roads Project

145. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister's programme for rural roads announced in December, 2000 is a difficult proposition due to shortage of fund;

(b) if so, whether Government during discussion with World Bank officials in Washington in the month of May, 2002 were able to convince World Bank for funding;

(c) whether the World Bank Mission visited India in the month of June, 2002; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the details of progress of this project ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR) : (a) to (d) The total investment required for attaining the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is currently estimated at Rs. 60,000 crore. A sum of Rs. 7500 crore have so far been allocated for the

Programme and project proposals for Rs. 7553.28 crore are invarious stages of execution. The World Bank have agreed in principle to the Government's request for providing financial assistance to the PMGSY and have commenced work on Preliminary Studies in this regard.

Implementation of EAS in Andhra Pradesh

146. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) is under implementation in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the mandays created in the State during the last two years, year-wise and number of persons benefited during the said period, district-wise;

(c) whether any shortcomings were noticed in the implementation of the scheme in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action being taken to rectify them ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR) : (a) The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) was in operation in all the rural Districts of the Country till 24th September, 2001 as an independent Scheme and from 25th September, 2001 to 31st March, 2002, it was implemented as a part of the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY). From 1st April, 2002, the EAS stands fully merged with SGRY.

(b) The physical performance of the EAS was monitored in terms of mandays generation and not in terms of number of persons benefited. Information, therefore, with regard to persons benefited under the EAS the district level was not available. Mandays created in the last two years under the EAS in the State of Andhra Pradesh are as under :

Year	Mandays created (In lakh)
2000-2001	111.32
2001-2002	159.45

(c) and (d) No major shortcomings were noticed in the Scheme. However, to generate more additional mandays and provide food security to the rural